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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: TruVista Communications (Chester Telephone Co, Lockhart Telephone Co.,
and Ridgeway Telephone Co., all d/b/a as "TruVista Communications")
Alternative Regulation Plan Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Chester"), Lockhart Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Lockhart"), and Ridgeway Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Ridgeway") (collectively referred to herein as the "TruVista Companies"), please find an original and ten (10) copies of an Alternative Regulation Plan.

On August 30, 2006, the Commission approved a local interconnection agreement between Lockhart and Charter Fiberlink SC – CCO, LLC ("Charter"). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(1), any LEC may elect the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B) if the Commission has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the LEC is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. An Affidavit of J. Brian singleton is being filed with this Plan to certify that Lockhart is not affiliated with Charter.

In addition, there are at least two wireless providers with coverage generally available in the service areas of Chester and Ridgeway that are not affiliated with either of the companies. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3), any LEC may elect the alternative regulation plan if the Commission determines that at least two wireless providers have coverage generally available in the LEC's service area and that the providers are not affiliates of the LEC. An Affidavit of Scott David Clay is being filed with this Plan to certify that there are at least two wireless providers with coverage generally available, along with an Affidavit of Allison Johnson to certify that these wireless providers are not affiliated with Chester and Ridgeway.

Therefore, having met the statutory requirement for election of alternative regulation, the TruVista Companies hereby elect to have their rates, terms and conditions determined pursuant to the

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plan described in S. C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), as set forth in the attached Alternative Regulation Plan, effective May 18, 2007.

In addition to the Alternative Regulation Plan and Affidavits, we are enclosing a proposed Notice of Filing for the Commission's convenience.

Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret M. Fox

Enclosures

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire
Thomas T. Harper
Allison Johnson

**CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY,
LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY,
AND RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY,
ALL D/B/A TRUVISTA COMMUNICATIONS
ALTERNATIVE REGULATION PLAN
PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE ANN. § 58-9-576**

Filed April 18, 2007
Effective May 18, 2007

1. Introduction

Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications (“Chester”), Lockhart Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications (“Lockhart”), and Ridgeway Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications (“Ridgeway”) (collectively referred to herein as the “TruVista Companies”) are local exchange carriers operating in the State of South Carolina. Because they are under common ownership and management, the TruVista Companies are jointly submitting this Alternative Regulation Plan.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(1), any local exchange carrier (“LEC”) may elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), provided the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the LEC is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. The Commission has approved such an agreement for Lockhart, and Lockhart hereby elects to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described herein (the “Plan”), which conforms with the plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B). In its regular agenda session on August 30, 2006, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Lockhart and Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC (“Charter”). Charter is not affiliated with Lockhart.

Additionally, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3), any local exchange carrier (“LEC”) may elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), if the Commission determines that at least two wireless providers have coverage generally available in the LEC’s service area and that the providers are not affiliates of the LEC. There are at least two wireless providers with coverage generally available in the service areas of Chester and Ridgeway that are not affiliated with either of the companies, as specified herein. Chester and Ridgeway hereby elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of their services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described herein (the “Plan”), which conforms with the plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B).

As of April 18, 2007, the date of notice of election of the Plan, there is wireless coverage generally available in Chester's and Ridgeway's service areas from the following wireless carriers, none of which is affiliated with any of the TruVista Companies: ALLTEL, Verizon, and Sprint.

The Plan described herein is in lieu of other forms of regulation including, but not limited to, rate of return or rate base monitoring or regulation.

2. Effective Date

The effective date of the Plan is May 18, 2007, which is not sooner than thirty days after filing with the Commission notice of election of the Plan. The Plan will apply to all local services offered by Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway that are regulated by the Commission.

3. The Plan

- a. As of April 18, 2007, the date of notice of election of the Plan, existing rates, terms, and conditions for the services provided by Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway contained in the companies' then-existing tariffs and contracts are considered just and reasonable.
- b. Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway are "small LECs" for purposes of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(3). S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10(14) defines "small LEC" to mean a "rural telephone company" as defined in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- c. Chester's, Lockhart's, and Ridgeway's flat-rated local exchange services for residential and single-line business customers are priced below the statewide average local service rates for those services, weighted by number of access lines, as shown in Chester's, Lockhart's, and Ridgeway's local service tariffs on file with the Commission. Therefore, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(3), the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(3) and (4) shall be waived by the Commission until such time as the respective companies' residential and single-line business rates are priced at the statewide average local service rates for those services. At such time as Chester's, Lockhart's, and Ridgeway's residential and single-line business rates, or either of those rates, equals the statewide average local service rate for that service or those services, the rate for the service that is priced at the statewide average rate shall be subject to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(3) and (4); *i.e.*, that rate shall be frozen for a period of two years from the date at which it is set at the statewide average rate and, after the expiration of the two-year period, may be adjusted on an annual basis pursuant to an inflation-based index.
- d. Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway may increase rates for flat-rated local exchange services for residential and single-line business customers if they are below the statewide average rates, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B)(3).
- e. Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway will set rates for all other services on a basis that does not unreasonably discriminate between similarly situated customers. All such rates are

subject to a complaint process for abuse of market position in accordance with Commission rules and procedures.

- f. Except when exempted by law, Chester, Lockhart, and Ridgeway will file tariffs for price changes or new services with respect to their local exchange services (including residential and single-line business services) that set out the terms and conditions of the services and the rates for such services. Tariffs will be presumed valid and become effective seven days after filing for price decreases and fourteen days after filing for price increases and new services.
- g. As provided for in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), the Plan applies in lieu of rate of return or rate base regulation. Thus, the procedures set forth above for changes in rates are to be used in lieu of traditional rate-of-return procedures for determining rates, terms, and conditions for service, as found in S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-9-510 through -570 and in 26 Code Ann. Regs. 103-834(A)(3).

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2007-____-C

Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Chester"), Lockhart Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Lockhart"), and Ridgeway Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista Communications ("Ridgeway") (collectively referred to herein as the "TruVista Companies") have jointly filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a request to have their rates, terms and conditions determined pursuant to the plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B).

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A), any local exchange carrier ("LEC") may elect to have the rates, terms and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), provided the Commission has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the LEC is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. The Commission has approved such an agreement between Lockhart and Charter Fiberlink SC – CCO, LLC. Lockhart elects to have its rates, terms, and conditions determined pursuant to the Plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B) as set forth in its Alternative Regulation Plan, effective May 18, 2007.

Additionally, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(A)(3), any local exchange carrier ("LEC") may elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), if the Commission determines that at least two wireless providers have coverage generally available in the LEC's service area and that the providers are not affiliates of the LEC. There are at least two wireless providers with coverage generally available in the service areas of Chester and Ridgeway that are not affiliated with either of the companies. Chester and Ridgeway hereby elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of their services determined pursuant to the plan described in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B), as set forth in its Plan, effective May 18, 2007.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Interested persons may contact the Commission or counsel for the TruVista Companies for additional information concerning the Plan. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2007-____-C.***

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

_____, 2007

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. _____

IN RE: TruVista Communications Alternative Regulation)
Plan Filed Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576)
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**AFFIDAVIT
OF
J. BRIAN SINGLETON**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

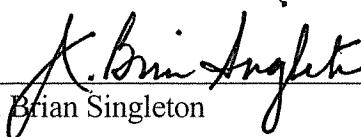
COUNTY OF CHESTER

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, J. Brian Singleton, who, first being
duly sworn, did depose and say:

1. My name is J. Brian Singleton. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone
Company (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and
am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company.

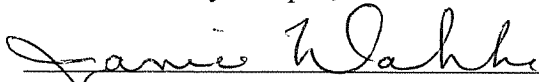
2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that it is not affiliated with
Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



J. Brian Singleton

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 13th day of April, 2007.



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BEFORE
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STATE OF FLORIDA)	AFFIDAVIT
)	OF
COUNTY OF BREVARD)	SCOTT DAVID CLAY

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, Scott David Clay, who, first being
duly sworn, did depose and say:

1. I am vice president and a founding partner of EnVision Wireless, Inc., an RF engineering company that specializes in network design, network optimization and drive testing of today's wireless communication networks. I have 11 years of experience in wireless optimization and design, as well as management of RF engineering services companies. Prior to EnVision, I served as Regional Manager, Western US, for the Wireless Network Services Division of Agilent Technologies ("Agilent"). Agilent acquired my former employer, SAFCO Technologies ("SAFCO"), in 2000. Shortly after the purchase, I managed the opening of Agilent's western regional network services office. During my three-year employment with SAFCO, I held several management and senior RF engineering positions. My last role at SAFCO was as Senior RF Engineer of its network design and optimization business. In 1996, I joined TEC Cellular, Inc. ("TECC"), where I worked on many wireless design and optimization projects. I was instrumental in delivering the largest project in the company's history. I graduated from

the University of Central Florida in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology.

2. There are a number of wireless providers that have coverage generally available in the TruVista service area. An EnVision engineer, pursuant to my direction and under my supervision, conducted a drive test of the commercial wireless service offered by three wireless service providers in the TruVista service area. The equipment set-up and configuration was conducted at my office and under my supervision, and I developed the drive routes for the area to be driven. Moreover, I supervised the drive with daily calls to the engineer and verified that the collected data was correct.

3. The drive test was conducted between November 20, 2006 and November 25, 2006, and covered approximately 1600 miles throughout the service areas of Chester Telephone Company and Ridgeway Telephone Company. The drive test was conducted for the following wireless service providers using the referenced wireless telephones: (1) Sprint (Samsung A900); (2) ALLTEL (Kyocera KX2); and (3) Verizon (Kyocera 2235). Each test phone was connected to an Agilent E6474A data collection system. The data post processing was performed with Agilent's OPAS32 software, which is specifically designed for post processing drive test data collected with Agilent's drive test systems. The drive test equipment collects data on signal strength and frame error rates, among other data.

4. The results of the system drive tests are shown on the maps attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The maps included in Exhibit A show Frame Error Rate data for the three wireless carriers tested. Frame Error Rate is the wireless industry standard for testing quality of service. A Frame Error Rate range of 0-2

indicates that between 0 and 2% of frames are missed during a call, which is comparable to the quality of a landline call. At a Frame Error Rate of 2-5, some syllables may be missed. At a Frame Error rate of 5-10, some words may be missed. At a Frame Error Rate in the range of 10-100, calls may be dropped. The actual number of dropped calls during the TruVista drive test varied by service provider (19 dropped calls out of 1006 calls on ALLTEL's network, 59 out of 971 calls on Sprint's network, and 42 out of 813 calls on Verizon's network). As can be seen from the drive test maps, the Sprint, ALLTEL and Verizon wireless networks have landline-quality service throughout the majority of the TruVista service area.

5. The system drive test results demonstrate that Sprint, ALLTEL, and Verizon have generally available coverage and a good quality of service throughout the TruVista service area.

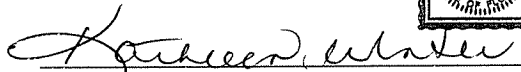
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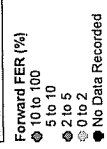
Scott David Clay

Sworn to before me this
16 day of April, 2007



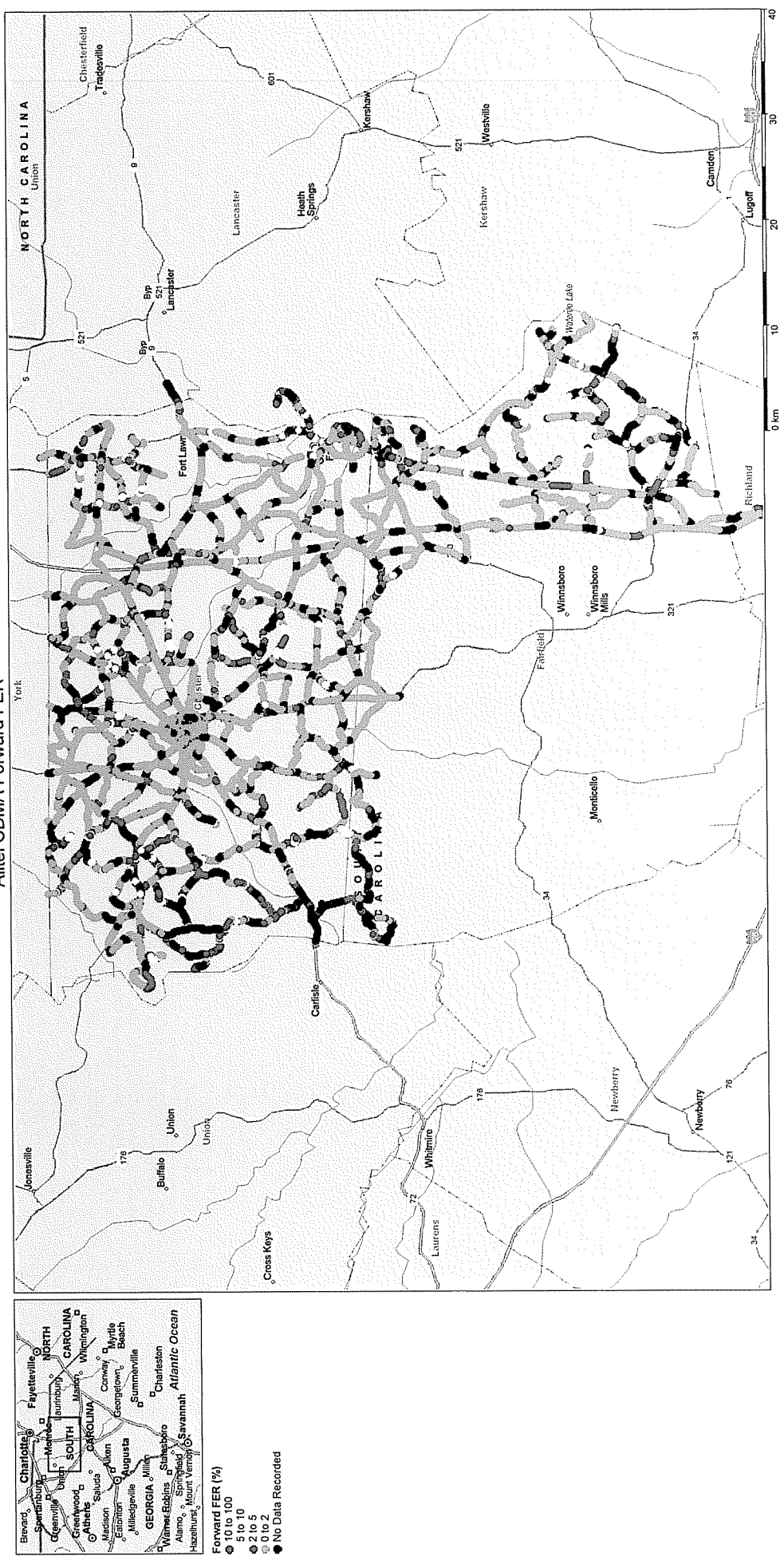


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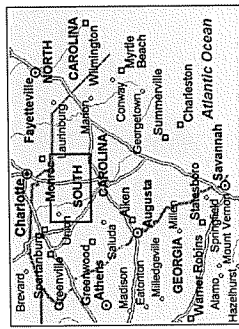
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF CHESTER)

**AFFIDAVIT
OF
ALLISON J. JOHNSON**

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, Allison J. Johnson, who, first being
duly sworn, did depose and say:

1. I am Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Chester Telephone Company, Ridgeway Telephone Company, and Lockhart Telephone Company, all doing business as TruVista Communications (collectively referred to herein as "TruVista"). I am authorized to give this Affidavit on behalf of TruVista and the respective companies.

2. There are a number of wireless providers that have coverage generally available in the TruVista service area. Attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, are coverage maps showing general coverage of the areas served by TruVista for the following wireless providers: ALLTEL, Verizon, and Sprint. These maps were obtained from the respective carriers. None of these wireless service providers is affiliated with any TruVista company, including Chester Telephone Company, Ridgeway Telephone Company, and Lockhart Telephone Company.

3. An engineer with the firm, EnVision Wireless, Inc., conducted a drive test of the commercial wireless service offered by ALLTEL, Verizon, and Sprint in the TruVista

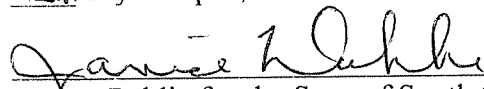
service area. The results of the drive test are detailed in the Affidavit of Scott David Clay.

4. ALLTEL, Verizon, and Sprint have generally available coverage and good quality of service throughout the TruVista service area.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.


Allison J. Johnson

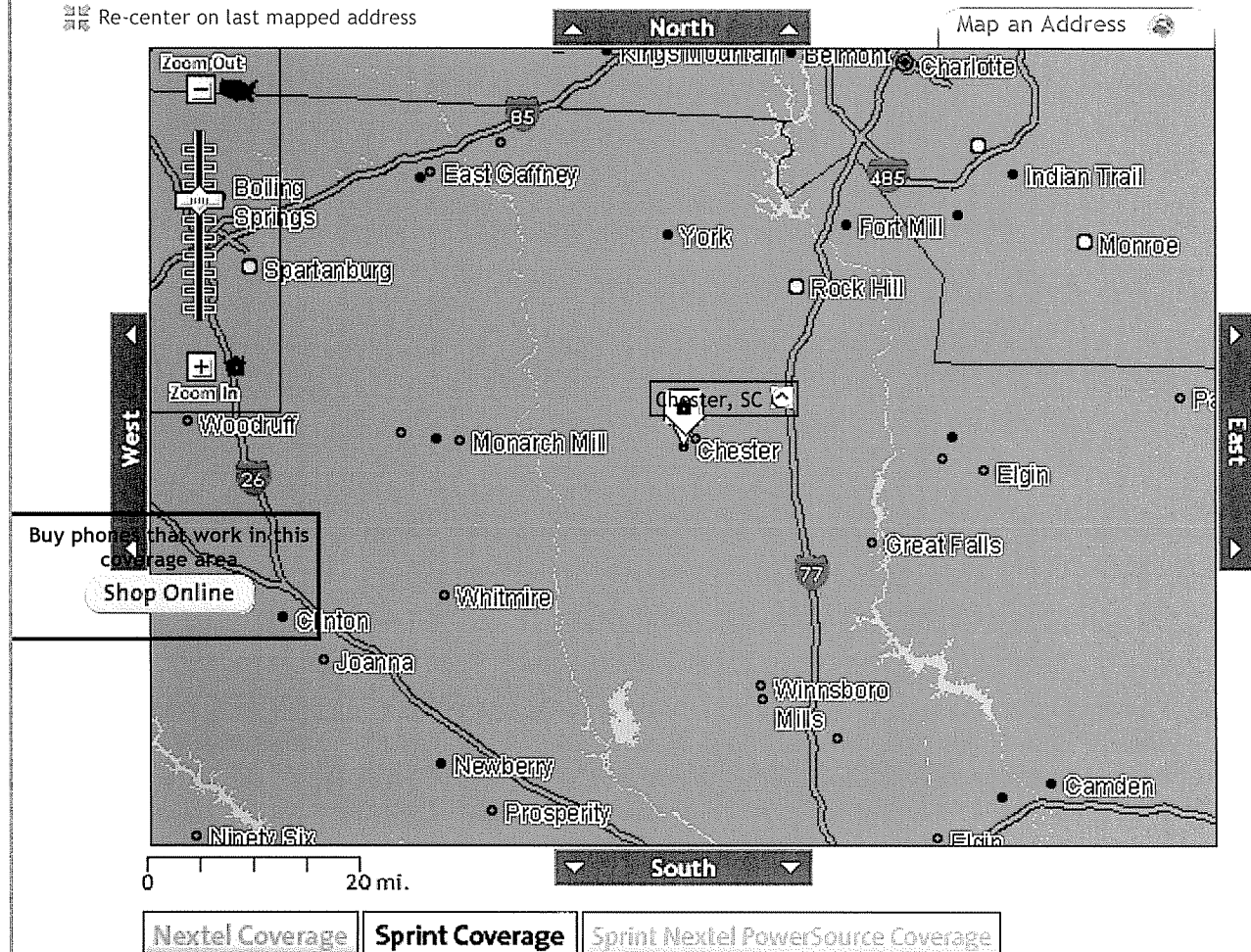
Sworn to before me this
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If you have a single band or dual band phone (older phones), certain basic data services, or plans that do not include roaming, you may have different coverage.

Important coverage information